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EASTHAMPTON NEWS COMPANY
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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

For the Year Ending December 31, 1958

BIRTHS

Jan.	10	Mecay Annette Heath
April	20	Michael Stephen Fisher
May	4	Barbara Jean Loud
June	29	Raymond Victor Imes
Aug.	19	Kathy May Inman
Sept.	1	Susan Eleanor Scott
Oct.	6	Scott Alan Thompson

DEATHS

Jan.	16	Lucy Hathaway Williams
April	30	John W. Hunt
Oct.	28	Carrie Phillips Polar
Dec.	10	Aaron Fisher

MARRIAGES

Feb.	6	Clifford A. Payson	Westhampton, Mass.
		Minnie Kane	Westfield, Mass.
Mar.	15	Loyal C. Madden	Westhampton, Mass.
		Marjory R. Blow	Westhampton, Mass.
April	19	Garry Glen Anderson	Mesa, Arizona
		Elizabeth Judd Clapp	Northampton, Mass.
May	3	Charles Alexander Florek	Westfield, Mass.
		Bernice Vida Warren	Westhampton, Mass.
Sept.	1	Felix Stanley Mamulski	Easthampton, Mass.
		Jacquelyn Westerberg	Westhampton, Mass.

Sept.	27	Richard William Tracy	Westhampton, Mass.
		Janice E. Inman	Westhampton, Mass.
Oct.	4	William Wilson Sarafin	Huntington, Mass.
		Patricia Sue Howland	Montgomery, Mass.
Dec.	13	Richard James Andrzejczyk	Easthampton, Mass.
		Jeannette Avis Fisher	Northampton, Mass.

DOG LICENSES

Licenses Issued:

42 Males	@	$2.00	$84.00
15 Females	@	5.00	75.00
41 Spayed	@	2.00	82.00
5 Kennel	@	10.00	50.00
			$291.00

Paid to Town Treasurer	$265.25
Retained 103 Fees @ 25c	25.75
	$291.00

FISH AND GAME LICENSES

Licenses Issued:

49 Resident Fishing	@	$3.25	$159.25
60 Resident Hunting	@	3.25	195.00
60 Resident Sporting	@	5.25	315.00
13 Res. Minor Fishing	@	1.25	16.25
18 Res. Female Fishing	@	2.25	40.50
5 Duplicate	@	.50	2.50
			$728.50

Paid Division of Fisheries and Game			$678.50
Retained 200 Fees	@	.25	50.00
			$728.50

Free Licenses:

4 Resident Sporting and Trapping.

D. L. JUDD

Town Clerk

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find them correct.

JEAN W. NORRIS

Auditor

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

RECEIPTS — 1958

Balance on Hand January 1, 1958		$81,483.03
Taxes:		
1955 Real Estate	$2.10	
1956 Real Estate	212.00	
Auto Excise	16.33	
1957 Real Estate	4,305.17	
Personal Property	428.39	
Farm Excise	61.63	
Auto Excise	2,382.62	
Polls	6.00	
1958 Real Estate	31,851.44	
Personal Property	5,699.68	
Farm Excise	224.48	
Auto Excise	5,416.43	
Polls	256.00	
Interest on Taxes:		
1955	.25	
1956	29.05	
1957	108.09	
1958	13.37	
Demands:		
1955	.35	
1956	.70	
1957	4.15	
Warrants:		
1957	1.50	
Highways:		
From Massachusetts State Treasurer		
Chap. 81 1957 Contract	11,854.10	
1958 Contract	3,314.08	
Chap. 90 Construction		
1957 Contract	7,500.00	

Chap. 90 Special	16,000.00
Chap. 90 Maintenance	
1957 Contract	1,000.00
1958 Contract	1,000.00
From Hampshire County Treasurer	
Chap. 90 Construction	
1957 Contract	2,500.00
Chap. 90 Special	2,000.00
Chap. 90 Maintenance	
1957 Contract	1,000.00
1958 Contract	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance:	
Federal Grant for Aid	2,056.20
Federal Grant for Assistance	285.22
State Aid	1,331.63
Meal Taxes	166.31
Reimbursements from Other Towns	243.39
Refund on Lien	4,400.00
Schools:	
From Massachusetts State Treasurer	
Chap. 70	6,886.01
Transportation	8,620.25
School Counselor	900.00
Vocational Education	747.48
Aid for Superintendents	466.67
From Town of Easthampton	
Vocational Transportation	104.00
Other Income:	
From Massachusetts State Treasurer	
Income Tax	1,071.00
Corporation Tax B	1,870.80
Department of Forests and Parks	221.08
Livestock and Disease Control	12.50
From Hampshire County Treasurer	
Dog License Refund	186.17
Wild Cat Bountys	30.00

Town Clerk—Dog Licenses	195.25	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	27.00	
Pistol Permit	2.00	
Third Class Junk Dealer's License	7.50	
Milk Dealer's Licenses	5.00	
Lord's Day License	5.00	
Discount Taken	2.28	
Withholding Taxes	2,588.64	
Retirement Deductions	251.31	
Highway Dept. Machine Fund	2,572.00	
Rent of Town Machinery	4.50	
Savings Bank Interest	538.62	
Interest from Trust Funds:		
Cemetery		
Endowed Lots	36.00	
Totman Fund	60.00	
Whiting Street Fund	41.40	
Wright Fund	30.00	
Thayer Fund	30.00	
		134,183.12
		$215,666.15

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's Orders	$79,871.56	
Paid School Committee Warrants	40,132.33	
Balance on Hand January 1, 1959	95,662.26	
		$215,666.15

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 1958	$1,274.67
Interest Income 1958	38.51
Balance on Hand January 1, 1959	$1,313.18

ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 1958		$5,306.28
Transferred to Road Machinery Account		3,000.00
		2,306.28
Highway Dept. Earnings	$2,572.00	
Rent of Machinery	4.50	
Unused 1958 Road Machinery Account	832.35	
		3,408.85
Balance on Hand January 1, 1959		$5,715.13

OUTSTANDING TAXES

1955	Excise	$5.34
1957	Real Estate	655.00
1958	Real Estate	5,465.71
	Personal Property	1,189.18
	Farm Excise	143.82
	Auto Excise	2,240.77
	Polls	16.00
		$9,715.82

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE TOWN

Principal		Interest Received in 1958
Cemetery:		
$2,000.00	Lucy Totman	$60.00
500.00	O. C. Bridgman	15.00
100.00	Myra G. Strong	3.00
100.00	Sarah C. Cook	3.00
100.00	George Burt	3.00
100.00	Samuel Edwards	3.00
100.00	Arthur L. Searle	3.00

100.00	Emma G. Damon	3.00	
50.00	David L. Brown	1.50	
50.00	Susan A. Loud	1.50	
			$96.00
Worthy Poor:			
$1,380.85	Whiting Street	$41.40	
1,000.00	Wright	30.00	
			71.40
Thayer:			
1,000.00			30.00
			$197.40

RALPH S. BRIDGMAN
Treasurer

I have examined the accounts of the treasurer and find them correct, showing disbursements to the amount of one hundred twenty thousand, three dollars and eighty-nine cents ($120,003.89), for which vouchers are on file, and a balance on hand of ninety-five thousand, six hundred sixty-two dollars and twenty-six cents ($95,662.26). Due from Ralph S. Bridgman, Tax Collector: 1955 Auto Excise, five dollars and thirty-four cents ($5.34); 1957 Real Estate tax, six hundred fifty-five dollars and no cents ($655.00); 1958 Real Estate tax, five thousand four hundred sixty-five dollars and seventy-one cents ($5,465.71); Personal Property tax, one thousand one hundred eighty-nine dollars and eighteen cents ($1,189.18); Farm Excise, one hundred forty-three dollars and eighty-two cents ($143.82); Auto Excise, two thousand two hundred forty dollars and seventy-seven cents ($2,240.77); and Polls, sixteen dollars ($16.00).

JEAN NORRIS
Auditor

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the People of Westhampton:

Your Board is very happy to submit this report to you.

We feel that considerable progress was made on Chapter 81 work, and we also think that the new bridge at Loud's Mill and the improvement of the Southampton Road speaks for itself. A reasonable tax rate was maintained while this work was being done.

Investigations were made on the possibility of alleviating the bad curve at Pine Island Lake dam, but upon the advice of the Department of Public Works' Engineers, this has been dropped for the present time. It is not advisable to have two Chapter 90 projects in progress at one time.

As you know winter work, especially during the six-week period from the middle of January to the first of March, was very hard last year.

We are deeply grateful for the fine assistance rendered by the Board of Public Works of the Town of Easthampton for the use of their snow blower and their excellent crew.

It is with deep regret that the Board learned, at the annual Caucus, that we are losing our veteran member, William M. Fiske. Mr. Fiske has served the Town of Westhampton, as a Selectman for the past twenty-four years. He is certainly deserving of a rest from a job well done. The remaining members hope that they too may be able to serve the Town as well as he has.

EARL R. GETT
WILLIAM M. FISKE
FRANK B. MONTAGUE
Selectmen of Westhampton

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

T. E. Adams	$1.80
E. A. Delisle Co.	10.38
John Cernak, Jr.	326.98
Western Massachusetts Electric Co.	101.05
Stanley Bartlett	353.46
Charles Burt	1.36
Westhampton Water Co.	25.00
Ward Miller	40.25
	$860.28

TOWN OFFICERS

Mass. Selectmen's Association—Dues	$10.00
Mass. Collectors' and Treasurers' Association—Dues	4.00
Mass. Assessors' Association—Dues	9.00
Edith Blakesley—Copying Town Orders	25.00
D. L. Judd—Town Clerk	250.00
Gertrude Flint—Teller	25.00
Grace Williams—Teller	30.00
Mrs. John Lynes—Teller	21.25
Evelyn Tracy—Taking Town Census	30.00
Philip J. Norris—Assessor	20.82
M. K. Parsons—Assessor	104.18
Sidney H. Cole—Assessor	175.00
Gilbert Flint—Assessor and Teller	136.25
R. S. Bridgman—Town Treasurer	425.00
R. S. Bridgman—Tax Collector	425.00
Earl R. Gett, Sr.—Selectman	300.00
William M. Fiske—Selectman	200.00
Frank B. Montague—Selectman	200.00
Charles R. Burt—Moderator and Dog Officer	40.00
Henrietta Miller—School Committee	75.00
Harold Wood—School Committee, Clerk	100.00
Frank Hathaway—School Committee	75.00
Jean Norris—Auditor	25.00

Stanley Bartlett—Sealer of Weights and Measures	20.00	
Hampshire County Selectmen's Association—Dues	6.00	
A. L. Snow—Inspector of Animals	25.00	
A. L. Snow—Inspector of Slaughtering	17.28	
		$2,773.78

CHAPTER 81—MATERIAL

	1958 Appropriation	
Edward Balise	$340.60	
Hampshire Sand & Gravel Co.	309.41	
John Hathaway	110.80	
The Lane Construction Co.	102.60	
Edward Cernak	45.20	
Eastern States Farmers Exchange	50.40	
American Tar & Asphalt Co.	1,323.59	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	2,094.47	
The Chemical Corporation	364.65	
Ada Williams, Estate	26.80	
		$4,768.52

CHAPTER 81—PAYROLL

Harland Lemery	$1,272.00
F. W. Blakesley	1,135.50
Albert LaFrance	223.75
Freeman Scott	20.00
James O. Pinard	586.25
Omasta Construction	1,197.70
Omasta Sand & Gravel	695.00
Frank Montague	436.50
Eugene Lemery	178.75
Town of Southampton	10.00
E. A. Montague	247.25

Charles Inman	71.25
Raymond Blakesley	308.75
Leroy Lyman	622.50
Sydney Montague	61.50
Joseph Misterka	110.00
Machine Fund	1,105.50
	$8,282.20

CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE MATERIAL

	1958 Appropriation
American Tar & Asphalt Co.	$1,716.37
Edward Balise	6.00
Hampshire Sand & Gravel Co.	288.02
The Lane Construction Corp.	190.80
	$2,201.19

CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE PAYROLL

	1958 Appropriation
F. W. Blakesley	$126.00
Harland Lemery	124.50
James Pinard	75.00
Albert LaFrance	76.25
Frank Montague	221.50
Eugene Lemery	37.50
Machine Fund	139.00
	$799.75

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

Route #66

	1958 Appropriation
Hampshire Sand & Gravel Co.	$118.83
American Tar & Asphalt Co.	400.62
James A. Britton	2.20
Ostrowski & Delisle	2,315.00

New England Metal Culvert Co.	3,214.74	
Joseph Lococo & Son	469.64	
Omasta Sand & Gravel Co.	200.00	
H. J. Payson	80.00	
Bill Willard	46.20	
Wirthmore Stores, Inc.	110.00	
Edward Balise	29.40	
		$6,986.63

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION PAYROLL

Route #66

	1958 Appropriation	
F. W. Blakesley	$445.50	
Harland Lemery	504.50	
Albert LaFrance	10.00	
James O. Pinard	307.50	
Eugene Lemery	40.00	
Omasta Construction Co.	112.00	
Roscoe Hurd	43.25	
Leroy Lyman	997.50	
A. E. Witherell	12.00	
Walter Witherell	10.00	
Donovan Bros.	848.00	
F. R. Brewster	118.50	
Howard Wyman	66.50	
C. H. Whitaker	66.50	
E. A. Montague	76.00	
Omasta Sand & Gravel	87.75	
Hampshire Sand & Gravel	32.00	
Frank Montague	385.00	
Machine Fund	333.50	
		$4,496.00

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION PAYROLL

Route #66

	1957 Appropriation
F. W. Blakesley	$261.00
Harland Lemery	254.50
Albert LaFrance	55.00
Eugene Lemery	30.00
Omasta Construction	1,507.10
Frank Montague	567.25
Omasta Sand & Gravel	276.00
James Pinard	90.00
Machine Fund	316.00
	$3,356.85

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

Route #66

	1957 Appropriation
New England Metal Culvert Co.	$53.44
Edward Balise	129.80
American Tar & Asphalt Co.	555.27
Edward Cernak	5.60
	$744.11

CHAPTER 718 ALLOTMENT—MATERIAL

Loud Mill Bridge

	1957 Appropriation
James O. Hickey	$3,893.40
Edward Balise	44.30
H. J. Payson	118.00
New England Metal Culvert Co.	6,574.13
The Welsbach Corp.	24.00
Bill Willard, Inc.	49.00
E. A. Delisle Co.	23.21
	$10,726.04

CHAPTER 718 ALLOTMENT—PAYROLL

Loud Mill Bridge

	1957 Appropriation	
F. W. Blakesley	$654.00	
Harland Lemery	663.50	
Eugene Lemery	298.75	
James Pinard	398.75	
Albert LaFrance	80.00	
Omasta Construction Co.	1,931.10	
Roscoe Hurd	23.00	
Earl Gett	3.75	
Leroy Lyman	1,320.00	
Frank Montague	113.75	
Walter Witherell	20.00	
The Welsbach Corp.	24.00	
Omasta Sand & Gravel Co.	858.00	
Osley Construction Co.	216.00	
Machine Fund	670.00	
		$7,274.60

SNOW REMOVAL, SANDING, AND ROAD WORK

Hampshire Sand & Gravel Co.	$302.38
Jerry Moyinhan	44.00
Ronald Pepin	44.00
Earl Gett	112.50
Harland Lemery	826.50
Frank Montague	2,447.25
F. W. Blakesley	112.50
Alfred Blakesley	55.00
Merrill Witherell	12.50
James Pinard	16.25
Murray Clapp	3.00
Walter Henderson	2.50

Witherell's Garage	10.01	
Osley Construction Co.	85.00	
		$4,073.39

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS

Harland Lemery	$68.00	
Eugene Lemery	15.00	
F. W. Blakesley	54.00	
Albert LaFrance	10.00	
James Pinard	60.00	
E. A. Delisle Co.	41.66	
Henry Parsons	33.75	
		$282.41

ROAD MACHINERY

E. A. Delisle	$1.91
Manchester Company	.20
Northampton Radiator Co.	79.34
Ed's Auto Parts	2.00
Eugene Lemery	5.00
Eastern Equipment Co.	22.30
O'Brien Tire Service	4.00
S. I. Wise & Sons, Inc.	276.00
F. B. Montague	19.92
John Cernak, Jr.	439.67
A. E. Witherell	10.00
Witherell's Garage	20.09
Munson Auto Supply	28.21
Plumb Auto Supply	7.01
Graves Equipment Co.	9.77
E. F. Edison Co.	94.81
John Lee & Sons	67.86
C. A. Kronhe & Sons	20.62
Anderson Engineering Co.	126.00

J. Russell Company	47.73	
Germano Ford Sales	48.21	
C. & I. Distributing Co.	5.50	
Foster Farrar Co.	9.38	
Cernak Farm Supply	525.95	
Harland Lemery	256.50	
Oliver Bishop	11.00	
F. W. Blakesley	9.00	
Perkins Machine Co.	8.29	
Eastern States Farmers Exchange	11.38	
		$2,167.65

ROAD MACHINERY AND FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS

John Cernak, Jr.	$202.37	
Western Massachusetts Electric Co.	20.17	
Westhampton Water Company	9.00	
		$231.54

FIRE DEPARTMENT

American LaFrance Corporation	$32.20	
E. B. Atmus Company	20.06	
Frank Munson	15.00	
Stanley Bartlett	88.49	
Frank Parsons & Son	28.35	
Charles Burt	1.36	
James Shea	6.00	
Zabek Fire Apparatus	164.90	
Eastern States Farmers Exchange	8.86	
Foster & Farrar Company	2.30	
		$367.52

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Stanley Bartlett	$150.00	
		$150.00

RECREATION FUND

Ernie's Sporting Goods	$22.70	
		$22.70

LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Library Book House	$201.21	
Literary Guild of America	13.65	
E. A. Delisle	4.67	
Henrietta Miller	3.80	
Marion Mascho	207.19	
Stanley Bartlett	75.00	
National Geographic	6.75	
Edith Grant	38.40	
Raymond Sarafin	11.50	
H. M. Parsons & Son	24.00	
		$586.17

PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

The Barre Gazette	$34.18
Mark Supple	89.12
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	82.45
A. L. Cartledge	15.93
Jessie Cole	1.00
D. L. Judd	12.93
Easthampton News Co.	262.06
Todd Company	7.25
Poor Jim's Print Shop	67.00
Earl Gett, Sr.	3.00
Gazette Printing Co.	6.75

Whalen's Stationery	6.25	
Stanley Bartlett	5.27	
		$593.19

TRUST FUNDS

Street & Wright Fund		
Marion Mascho, Treasurer	$71.40	
Thayer Fund		
Philip Clapp, Treasurer	30.00	
		$101.40

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

Ralph Pomeroy	$30.00	
Raymond Warner	1.80	
County Commissioners	10.00	
Earl Gett, Sr.	47.78	
James Hickey	4.38	
Sabins	5.00	
James Boulanger	10.00	
Joseph Kolcz	10.00	
Alphonse Sarafin	10.00	
Elmer Miller	10.00	
Gilbert Flint	3.75	
Mahlon K. Parsons	3.75	
		$146.46

TRAVEL EXPENSE

Sidney Cole	$15.97	
Earl Gett, Sr.	17.20	
Frank B. Montague	4.00	
Gilbert Flint	6.25	
		$43.42

INTEREST, INSURANCE, AND BONDS

George Howard	$294.50	
Howell & Salls	410.57	
E. Ray Ashley	156.45	
King & Cushman	455.16	
James P. McGrath	156.25	
Registry of Motor Vehicles	6.00	
		$1,478.93

INTEREST ON TOWN HALL NOTE

Northampton National Bank	$140.00	
		$140.00

TOWN HALL NOTE

Northampton National Bank	$1,000.00	
		$1,000.00

WITHHOLDING TAXES

First National Bank	$2,534.51	
		$2,534.51

RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Treasurer of Hampshire County	$241.10	
		$241.10

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Western Massachusetts Electric Co.	$11.00	
		$11.00

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The Inquirer	$54.78	
		$54.78

VETERANS' RELIEF

Case No. 1	$60.00	
		$60.00

PUBLIC WELFARE

Case No. 1	$57.93	
Case No. 2	567.34	
		$625.27

TREE REMOVAL

Harland Lemery	$10.00	
		$10.00

DUMP FUND

Mrs. Karolina Belz	$200.00	
		$200.00

TAX ABATEMENTS

Estelle W. Frary	$62.10	
John Schuman	6.57	
Irines J. C. Reyes	3.71	
Harold Watts	6.02	
Theodore Derouin	13.06	
Joseph & Marion LaCourse (Real Estate)	88.00	
Andrew Blow	2.82	
E. A. Delisle	144.61	
Veronica Larrow	10.55	
Herbert F. & Marion C. Williams	19.58	
Robert Norris	6.02	
Enoch Perkins	2.52	
		$365.56

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Cases Aided — 5	$4,285.54	
		$4,285.54

OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

Estelle Frary, Salary and Expenses	$550.45	
Ancoins Press	5.69	
Mark Supple	18.80	
Easthampton News Co.	10.50	
		$585.44

CLERICAL HIRE

Jessie M. Cole	$200.00	
		$200.00

COUNTY TAX

Hampshire County Treasurer	$3,390.29	
		$3,390.29

TAXES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
State Parks	$245.61	
Auditing Municipal Accounts	410.09	
		$655.70

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

Hampshire County Retirement System	$118.26	
		$118.26

POSTAGE AND TELEPHONE

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	$76.62	
Earl Gett, Sr.	3.85	
R. S. Bridgman	2.45	
Mark Supple	10.00	
D. L. Judd	3.65	
F. W. Blakesley	35.00	
		$131.57

DIPHTHERIA CLINIC

Eunice Cernak	$25.00	
C. Keith Wilbur, M. D.	25.00	
		$50.00

WELL CHILD CLINIC

Eunice Cernak	$30.00	
Abel Ross, M. D.	25.00	
C. Keith Wilbur, M. D.	25.00	
		$80.00

POLIO CLINIC

C. Keith Wilbur, M. D.	$2.00	
		$2.00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Case No. 1	$483.00	
		$483.00

VACATION PAY FOR REGULAR EMPLOYEES

Harland Lemery	$72.00	
F. W. Blakesley	72.00	
		$144.00

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Thomas Vachula	$5.00	
W. R. Witherell	32.00	
Myron Hathaway	20.00	
Howard Blakesley	12.00	
Richard Tracy	8.00	
John Putnam	17.50	
		$94.50

INSECT PEST CONTROL

John Putnam	$22.50	
Myron Hathaway	5.00	
W. R. Witherell	26.42	
		$53.92

MEMORIAL DAY

Witherell's Garage	$21.75	
Rev. William May	15.00	
		$36.75

DOG LICENSES

Hampshire County Treasurer	$195.25	
		$195.25

RECAPITULATION

Town Hall Account	$860.28
Town Officers	2,773.78
Chapter 81—Material (1958 Appropriation)	4,768.52
Chapter 81—Payroll (1958 Appropriation)	8,282.20
Chapter 90—Maintenance Material (1958 Appropriation)	2,201.19

Chapter 90—Maintenance Payroll (1958 Appropriation)	799.75
Chapter 90—Construction Material (1958 Appropriation) Route #66	6,986.63
Chapter 90—Construction Payroll (1958 Appropriation) Route #66	4,496.00
Chapter 90—Construction Material (1957 Appropriation) Route #66	744.11
Chapter 90—Construction Payroll (1957 Appropriation) Route #66	3,356.85
Chapter 718 Allotment—Material (1957 Appropriation) Loud's Mill Bridge	10,726.04
Chapter 718 Allotment—Payroll (1957 Appropriation) Loud's Mill Bridge	7,274.60
Snow Removal, Sanding, and Road Work	4,073.39
Bridges and Railings	282.41
Road Machinery	2,167.65
Road Machinery and Fire Dept. Buildings	231.54
Fire Department	367.52
Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden	150.00
Recreation Fund	22.70
Library Account	586.17
Printing and Supplies	593.19
Cemetery Account	450.00
Cemetery Interest	158.39
Trust Funds	101.40
Contingent Account	146.46
Travel Expense	43.42
Interest, Insurance, and Bonds	1,478.93
Interest on Town Hall Note	140.00
Town Hall Note	1,000.00
Withholding Taxes	2,534.51
Retirement System	241.10
Civilian Defense	11.00

Regional School Committee	54.78
Veterans' Relief	60.00
Public Welfare	625.27
Tree Removal	10.00
Dump Fund	200.00
Tax Abatements	365.56
Old Age Assistance	4,285.54
Old Age Administration	585.44
Clerical Hire	200.00
County Tax	3,390.29
Taxes	655.70
Special Appropriations	118.26
Postage and Telephone	131.57
Diphtheria Clinic	50.00
Well Child Clinic	80.00
Polio Clinic	2.00
Board of Health	483.00
Vacation Pay for Regular Employees	144.00
Dutch Elm Disease	94.50
Insect Pest Control	53.92
Memorial Day	36.75
Dog Licenses	195.25
	$79,871.56

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1959

Schools	$44,022.25
Highways, Chapter 81	675.00
Chapter 90 Construction	2,500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Bridges and Railings	500.00
Town Officers	2,750.00
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00
Old Age Administration	550.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, Well Child Clinic	90.00

Interest, Insurance, and Bonds	1,600.00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,000.00
Insect Pest Control	100.00
Dutch Elm Disease	177.31
Printing and Supplies	600.00
Library, Dog Fund Plus	400.00
Memorial Day	40.00
Contingent Account	300.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Snow Removal, Sanding, and Road Work	4,200.00
Veterans' Relief	200.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria Clinic	50.00
Public Welfare	200.00
Fire Patrol	100.00
Cemetery	450.00
Road Machinery Account	3,000.00
Travel Expense	50.00
Fire Department	400.00
Fire Department and Road Machinery Buildings	550.00
Postage and Telephone	150.00
Clerical Hire	200.00
Hampshire County Retirement System	649.29
Recreation Committee	50.00
Town Hall Bond	1,000.00
Interest on Town Hall Bond	120.00
Polio Clinic	50.00
Water Holes	50.00
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	150.00
Tree Removal	150.00
Civilian Defense	100.00
Vacation Pay	144.00
Dump Fund	200.00
Counsel Fees	200.00
	$75,817.85

NAMES IN THE JURY BOX FOR 1959

Mr. David Cole	Poultryman
Mr. Walter Henderson	Operator
Mr. Herbert Mascho	Salesman
Mr. Leo Aloisi	Farmer
Mr. Roscoe Hurd	Operator
Mr. James McGill	Mason
Mr. Sydney Montague	Farmer

JURORS DRAWN IN 1958

Mr. Wayne Buzzee
Mr. Joseph LaCourse
Mr. Ellis Hover
Mr. Theodore Derouin

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS — 1958

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

Schools	$41,725.50
Highways, Chapter 81	675.00
Highways, Chapter 90—Construction	2,500.00
Highways, Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,000.00
Bridges and Railings	500.00
Town Officers	2,800.00
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00
Old Age Administration	550.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, Well Child Clinic	90.00
Interest, Insurance, and Bonds	1,700.00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,000.00
Insect Pest Control	100.00
Dutch Elm Disease	180.00
Printing and Supplies	600.00
Library, Dog Fund Plus	400.00
Memorial Day	40.00
Contingent Account	150.00
Snow Removal, Sanding, and Road Work	4,000.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria Clinic	55.00
Public Welfare	200.00
Fire Patrol	100.00
Cemetery	450.00
Travel Expense	50.00
Fire Department	400.00
Fire Department and Road Machinery Building	550.00
Postage and Telephone	150.00
Clerical Hire	200.00
Hampshire County Retirement System	118.26
Recreation Committee	100.00
Town Hall Bond	1,000.00

Veterans' Relief	200.00	
Vacation Pay for Town Employees	144.00	
Interest on Town Hall Bond	140.00	
Water Holes	50.00	
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	150.00	
Tree Removal	100.00	
Civilian Defense	100.00	
Polio Clinic	100.00	
		$68,467.76

FROM BALANCE IN THE TREASURY

Highways, Chapter 81	$8,000.00	
Highways, Chapter 90—Construction	10,000.00	
Highways, Chapter 90—Maintenance	2,000.00	
Reserve Fund	1,000.00	
Road Machinery Account	3,000.00	
Loud's Mill Bridge Construction	7,000.00	
Dog Refund	186.17	
State Parks and Reservations	255.24	
Overlay	1,552.33	
County Tax	3,089.24	
Audit of Municipal Accounts	410.09	
Special Town Meeting, June 18, 1957	500.00	
Section 31, Chapter 44—Flood Overdraft	1,035.55	
		38,028.62
Total 1958 Appropriations		$106,496.38

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	$61,631.57	
Net Amount Raised on Polls and Property	44,864.81	
		$106,496.38

Personal Property Valuation	$156,765.00	
Real Estate Valuation	856,117.00	
		$1,012,882.00

Tax on Personal Property	$6,897.66	
Tax on Real Estate	37,669.15	
Tax on Polls	298.00	
		$44,864.81

Tax Rate	$ 44.00
Motor Vehicle Tax 1957	764.62
Motor Vehicle Tax 1958	7,798.85
Exemptions on Real Estate	440.00
Exemptions on Polls	24.00
Abatements on Motor Vehicles 1957	83.81
Abatements on Motor Vehicles 1958	346.83
Abatements Real Estate 1958	8.80

FARM ANIMAL EXCISE 1958

Cows	*Bulls*	*Horses*	*Steer*	*Swine*	*Goats*	*Hens*	*Chicks*	*Roosters*
305	5	10	9	6	2	13,923	4,400	100

FROM THE TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Year	*Horses*	*Cows*	*Sheep*	*Cattle*	*Swine*	*Fowl*	*Dwellings*
1956	12	349	29	108	20	10,387	246
1957	17	480	27	13	15	18,578	247
1958	9	7	19	7	1	137	257

SIDNEY H. COLE
GILBERT H. FLINT
MAHLON K. PARSONS
Board of Assessors

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT — 1958

178 books were added to the Memorial Library during the year 1958. 59 were gifts from Daniel Bridgman, Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. William Miller, Deborah Fiske, and bonus books from the Book Club. 73 books were for adults and 105 were children's books. The library subscribes to 16 magazines and several magazine are given to the library.

The Bookmobile from the Regional Library in Greenfield visits the library and the Center School. The following number of books were borrowed for distribution:

Adult Fiction	274
Adult Non-Fiction	173
Juvenile Fiction	109
Juvenile Non-Fiction	41

The circulation for the library for the past year has been:

Adult Fiction	662
Juvenile Fiction	1,178
Non-Fiction	405
Magazines	484

There have been 14 qualified readers in the Adventures in Reading with 272 books read.

The library has been painted in the inside and new drapes were made by the trustees and librarian.

The library observed National Art week by holding open house on Sunday and Tuesday afternoons, November 2 and 4. Twenty artists from Westhampton exhibited pictures they had painted. Eighty people visited the library on Sunday afternoon and enjoyed the exhibit and the refreshments served by the library trustees. Fifty-five people called on Tuesday afternoon.

In observance of Book Week Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Watts, trustees of the library; Mrs. Geigis and Mrs. Mascho visited the Center School and review the books that were added to the Children's Library.

A bookcase, especially designed to hold children's books, has been added to the section of the library known as The Edwards Thayer Memorial Library.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION MASCHO

Librarian

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We have read and approved the reports of the Superintendent, the School Principal, the School Nurse, the the Supervisors of our School. These reports outline in detail the School matters which have been reviewed and passed in the regular or special meetings held by the School Committee during the year.

The action by the School Committee of discontinuing released time for Religious Education and 4-H activities is not covered in these reports. The School Committee felt that its report should present the reasons for this controversial ruling.

During the summer of 1958, the School Committee reviewed the School curriculum. Results of achievement tests showed that 50% of our students in the upper grades had not achieved an adequate reading level. Recommended time allowments by the State Department of Education were studied. It was felt that these requirements could not be met under the existing schedule.

In the School year 1957-58, the released time for Religious Education and 4-H work shortened the amount of time spent in the classrooms by approximately 15 school days.

It was learned that Westhampton had been the only Town in the County to hold 4-H sesisons during the School day for the past number of years.

It was also noted that the same grades that had received Religious Education when the Center School housed grades 1 to 8, have now the opportunity to receive this same religious instruction in Williamsburg Junior High School.

It was therefor voted to discontinue the released time for these two projects and devote the much needed hours to the main aim of our School which is instruction in academic work.

This action we feel is also in line with the general trend of education throughout our Country. The recent spectacular advance in education of other countries of the World has

brought a serious revaluation of our educational system. The Committee felt that this was an appropriate time to concentrate locally on the academic purpose of the School.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRIETTE P. MILLER, Chm.

HAROLD WOOD, Sec.

FRANK HATHAWAY

School Committee

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools, Union No. 51, is herewith submitted. It is the sixth report since the five town school union was formed.

The School Committee reorganized early in the year, electing Mrs. Henriette Miller as Chairman and Mr. Harold Wood as Secretary. Mr. Frank Hathaway is the third member. Unfortunately, the proposed Easthampton, Southampton, Westhampton Regional School District was voted down. At present Westhampton students beyond the sixth grade have no continued assurance of housing from any other town. It is impossible to receive a guarantee as school committees and their policies change so frequently. Williamsburg will continue to accept students as long as there is no immediate increase in their own school population.

Mrs. Henriette Miller was Westhampton's representative at a meeting with Mr. Simeon Domas, Administrator, School Building Assistance Commission, held in Lenox. Mr. Domas proposed several possibilities of joining with other towns. Another meeting will be held with him soon to discuss further proposals and recommendations.

The Westhampton School Committee has adopted a salary schedule. This was brought about for two reasons; the mandatory new Massachusetts minimum salary for teachers set at $3,600.00, the difficulty in obtaining and retaining teachers without the incentive of some stated increments as is done in most other towns. Under this schedule, a teacher with a 2 year or 3 year diploma begins at $3,600.00, for a teacher with a Bachelor's degree $3,800.00 and $4,000.00 for a teacher with a Master's degree. Maximum salaries after eight years are $4,400.00, $4,600.00 and $4,800.00. These salary increments are not automatic and a teacher must show by taking required professional courses that he or she is keeping up with the best teaching methods and subject matter.

Two resignations took place during this past year. Mr. Richard Towse resigned as teacher-principal of Center School

to accept a position in California. Special tribute was paid to Mr. Towse by the pupils and P.T.A. group at the graduation in June. Mr. N. Deming Hoyt, parttime Adjustment Counselor for Westhampton, resigned to accept a similar position in the public schools of Springfield, Mass.

Mr. Donald F. Franciosi of Lunenburg, Massachusetts, was elected as principal-teacher to replace Mr. Towse. He is a graduate of Fitchburg State Teachers College in 1958 and is presently living in Easthampton. A more detailed account of his work is found in this report. Until better accommodations can be made for an adjustment counselor, the School Committee has discontinued the services of such person. In the past, pupils needing the specialized services of the counselor had to be transported to the Town Hall. However, Mrs. Jane Marx, as Mr. Hoyt's replacement, is employed by Williamsburg and Worthington and her services will be used in extreme cases.

The Smith's School Board of Trustees again extended an invitation to Union No. 51 to hold its annual meeting on its premises. The meeting for 1959, is was decided, will be held at the Russell Conwell School. At this meeting, Mr. Kenneth Sherk, Williamsburg, was elected chairman; Mr. Clement Burr, Southampton, vice-chairman; and Mrs. Gertrude Lucey, Worthington, secretary.

The National Defense Education Act was passed and signed by the President on September 2 of this year. Over one billion dollars, under ten different titles, will be distributed over a four-year plan to aid and encourage our educational system. Before this money is used, the Massachusetts Department of Education must present a State Plan. When this plan is made known, matching funds will be required by the School Commitee to take advantage of money under specific titles. Our elementary schools should benefit specifically in the fields of science and modern foreign languages. As more specific information is made known, the School Committee will relay this to the community.

A science workshop for all towns in our union was held on April 14th and 15th. Representatives from the Allyn & Bacon Company visited classrooms and demonstrated techniques in teaching science on various grade levels. All teachers met at the Anne T. Dunphy School for a final session on April 15th.

Our present staff is as follows:

Mr. Donald F. Franciosi	Grades 5 and 6—Principal
Mrs. Patricia Norris	Grades 3 and 4
Miss Rachel Bridgman	Grades 1 and 2

Supervisors in specialized fields:

Mrs. Marion Button	Art
Mrs. Elizabeth Torrey	Music

Other staff members are as follows:

Dr. Keith Wilbur	School Physician
Dr. Abel Ross	School Dentist
Mrs. Eunice Cernak	School Nurse

Distribution of pupils as of October 1, 1958, is listed below:

Grades 1 and 2	20
Grades 3 and 4	18
Grades 5 and 6	22
	60

Tuition Students:

Williamsburg Junior High	23
Williamsburg High	5
Northampton High	13
Smith's School	4
	45

Total School Population 105.

I wish to thank the School Committee, teachers, P.T.A., Mr. Stanley Bartlett and other citizens who have given their continual help and support to the youth of Westhampton.

Respectfully submitted,
J. WALTER RICHARD
Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT — 1958

This being my first report, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you, the citizens of Westhampton, for helping and encouraging me in numerous instances and for making the short period of time I have been here a very rewarding experience.

September found sixty children ready to begin a new session in schooling. Eleven new first grade children began their required formal education here in Westhampton. New arithmetic textbooks for all grades have greatly added to the enrichment of the curriculum. These textbooks were purchased from the Silver Burdett Company of New Jersey.

Several new and needed pieces of equipment have been acquired. The first and most useful is a new duplicating machine. This machine gives added dimension to the presentation of classroom work. Also, a filmstrip projector was purchased which adds greatly to the effectiveness of any lesson as does all visiual aid equipment. To go with this, a new screen was purchased for showing film strips and motion pictures. Two filing cabinets, a vacuum cleaner, and a projection table round out this new equipment.

As was announced, various after and during school activities have been rescheduled or dropped. 4-H has been dropped and then rescheduled on Saturday. Release time for religious education has also been discontinued. Of course these classes are missed. I feel the school committee acted wisely in discontinuing these classes to allow more classroom time to teach the important factors of education. Handwriting is being taught by the teachers. The bookmobile is continuing its greatly appreciated services to both pupil and teacher. This feature adds greatly to one of the most important educational aims, that being the basic goal of creating interest in functional reading for enjoyment and interest.

Thirty-six children are insured under the school accident insurance program. Forty-two children are participating in the new banking system.

A great need in any school is a good, functional Parent-Teacher Association. I have been greatly impressed with the number of parents who attend the Parent-Teacher Association meetings. But as is always the case, "There's always room for more." Excellent programs have been presented by this group. The school staff and officers of the P.T.A. are always happy to see new faces at these meetings. This is the best opportunity to discuss and examine many of the problems which confront both teacher and parent. Of equal significance was the excellent turnout of parents during National Education Week. During this week, approximately 65% of all parents visited the school. I would also like to interject here that Center School has adopted a new policy in respect to parent-teacher relationships. All parents are cordially invited to visit the school at any time or make appointments to confer with teachers after school.

On October 24, the teaching staff attended a very excellent Teachers' Convention held at Greenfield.

December found the student body preparing to present a Christmas play for the annual Christmas church supper. The play, "A Christmas Fantasy", was presented and proved to be entertaining to all who attended.

Of great importance, was the salary schedule adopted by the school committee. A working schedule adds tremendously to the foundations of a secure school system.

In closing, I wish to state that I will sincerely try in every way possible to continue the enrichment of the curriculum and to maintain high educational standards at the Center School.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD F. FRANCIOSI

Principal

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

In June, 1958, all children were weighed and measured. The tuberculosis patch tests were given. There was one reaction. Further investigation proved it to be negative.

The yearly physical examinations were done in September by Dr. C. Keith Wilbur. There was one case of ringworm of the scalp.

The Puretone audiometer was used to test the hearing of all the children in October.

Dr. Abel Ross did the dental examinations in October. Again this year the conditions of the children's teeth were quite poor. One questionable case of trench mouth was treated by their family physician. Smear tests sent to Boston showed it to be a fungus condition very closely resembling trench mouth.

The Town Hall facilities were used again this year for the physicals and hearing examinations.

I wish to thank the teachers for their cooperation in all health matters and also Mr. Stanley Bartlett for the cleanliness of the school building.

Respectfully submitted,

EUNICE H. CERNAK, R. N.

School Nurse

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

Art classes at the Westhampton Center School are held every other week. One hour periods are given to each classroom.

For National Library week, the children in each class made posters or illustrations of books they had read to help create more interest in reading. Some from each classroom were chosen to be exhibited in the Town Library.

An exhibit of Art work during the school year was put up in the school, during the last three weeks of the school year. Each student had at least one picture exhibited. The fifth and sixth grades also displayed lettering sheets along with their exhibit of drawings and paintings. There will be exhibited again this year in May, paintings and drawings showing the use of many different techniques. I hope many parents will visit this exhibit and see the progress the children will have accomplished in the Art program this year.

I want to thank the Teachers and the School Committee for their interest, support, and the Art supplies, which make the Art program possible.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION S. BUTTON

Art Supervisor

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Mr. Walter Richard
Superintendent of Schools
Williamsburg, Mass.

Dear Mr. Richard:

I submit my report as Supervisor of Music in the Westhampton Center School.

During the first year, I teach many rote songs appropriate for the month and special days of the year. These songs represent the foundation of music in which the child is interested. Rote singing develops cultivation of memory, power of imitation and creation of love for better music. Simple note reading is started. Notation is stressed with simple board drills and these drills are correlated with songs to be used in a beginners book. I would like to see a beginners book for the second grade so when they enter the next room, they can easily join in with the songs of their books.

The music program has been followed in the upper grades as to development of tone production, note reading, rhythm and theory. Theory is most important and most helpful to pupils going to Junior High, to individuals studying outside the school and to the ones who do not continue, it gives them a knowledge of the fundamentals of music.

Grades five and six need books to bind in with the books they will be working from in the Williamsburg school and Mrs. Norris is in need of a better piano.

As I visit the schools only twice a month, it is impossible to get in all the programs of music and the success of music in these rooms is due to the efforts of teachers and pupils.

I wish to thank you, the school committee, teachers and pupils for their interest and helpfulness during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH TORREY
Supervisor of Music

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

EXPENDITURE

Appropriation	$41,725.00	
Expended in 1958	40,132.33	
Balance		$1,592.67

Administration

J. Walter Richard, Salary	$924.96	
J. Walter Richard, Travel	75.00	
Ruth S. Hover, Census	15.00	
Jeanette M. O'Neill, Secretary	429.96	
School Committee Expenses	27.25	
		$1,472.17

Instruction

Teachers' Salaries:		
Richard Towse	$2,280.00	
Rachel Bridgman	3,433.36	
Donald Franciosi	1,266.72	
Patricia Norris	3,400.00	
Marion Button, Art	200.00	
Elizabeth Torrey, Music	275.00	
Rinehart Handwriting System	120.00	
Marion Mascho, Substitute	61.00	
Velna Fiske, Substitute	23.00	
Helen Tilley, Special	268.80	
N. Deming Hoyt, Salary	666.72	
N. Deming Hoyt, Travel	90.00	
Mental Health Clinic	62.60	
		12,147.20
Books		388.05
Supplies		262.28

Maintenance		
Janitor's Salary	$975.00	
Fuel	452.65	
Operating Expenses	415.00	
Repairs and Replacements	359.81	
		2,202.46
General		
Health:		
Eunice Cernak, R. N.	$200.00	
Dr. Keith Wilbur	100.00	
		300.00
Transportation:		
Elementary—W. Witherell	$4,036.25	
High and Vocational—W. Witherell	2,700.00	
Junior High—Hampshire Trans. & Service Corp.	3,000.00	
Mrs. Margaret Wood	27.00	
		9,763.25
Tuition:		
Springfield Public Schools		
Adult Education	$28.20	
High School		
Town of Williamsburg	6,181.36	
City of Northampton	5,499.98	
Vocational		
Smith's School	1,089.99	
		12,799.53
Contingent		
Outlay		797.39
		$40,132.33

RECEIPTS

Funds Received in 1958 Toward School Expenses:		
Town of Easthampton—		
Vocational Transportation	$104.00	
Mass. School Fund, Chapter 70	6,886.01	
Mass. School Fund, Chapter 71	8,620.25	
Superintendent's Salary	466.67	
Vocational Tuition and Transportation	747.48	
School Aid, Adjustment Counselor	900.00	
		17,724.41
NET COST OF MAINTAINING SCHOOLS FOR 1958		$22,407.92

SCHOOL CENSUS — OCTOBER 1, 1958

	5-7 years	7-16 years	16 years or over
Boys	11	53	5
Girls	18	42	4
	29	95	9

WESTHAMPTON
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET 1959

	Budget 1958	Expended 1958	Budget 1959
Administration	$1,337.50	$1,472.17	$1,535.00
Instruction			
Teachers' Salaries	12,500.00	12,147.20	12,384.00
Books	300.00	388.05	350.00
Supplies	300.00	262.28	300.00

Maintenance			
Janitor Salary	1,000.00	975.00	1,000.00
Fuel	500.00	452.65	500.00
Oper. Expenses	400.00	415.00	400.00
Repairs	1,200.00	359.81	750.00
General			
Health	350.00	300.00	350.00
Trans.—High and Voc.	5,700.00	5,727.00	5,727.00
Trans.—Elem.	4,000.00	4,036.25	4,036.25
Special Trans.			100.00
Tuition—High,			
Jr. High and Voc.	13,888.00	12,799.53	16,340.00
Outlay	150.00	797.39	150.00
Contingent	100.00		100.00
	$41,725.50	$40,132.33	$44,022.25

REPORT OF THE WELL CHILD CONFERENCE

The Well Child Conference was held in the Westhampton Town Hall on June 4, 1958.

The staff included:

Dr. C. Keith Wilbur	Physician
Dr. Abel Ross	Dentist
Mrs. Irene Delisle	Registrar
Mrs. Winifred Hurd	Height and Weight
Mrs. Eunice Cernak	Nurse

There were 31 children examined of which 5 were new cases. The conference was held in the morning so the Mothers' Club did not need to plan luncheon.

Dr. Abel Ross examined 19 children and 3 were found to have caries with 16 in good condition.

Polio Vaccine	3
Vaccinated	3
Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus	2

DIPHTHERIA CLINIC

The Diphtheria Clinic was held in the Westhampton Town Hall on April 23, 1958. Dr. C. Keith Wilbur, Physician. Mrs. Eunice Cernak, Nurse.

Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus Vaccine	28
Vaccinted	2
Polio Vaccine	6
Tetanus Toxoid	2
Polio Vaccine—Dr. Wilbur's Office (July through December)	6

Respectfully submitted,

EUNICE CERNAK

REPORT OF THE CENTER CEMETERY

Improvement work in the cemetery consisted of the following when time and ambition would allow.

1. A barbed-wire fence was erected to enclose the new addition to the cemetery.
2. The new addition was harrowed, limed, fertilized and seeded to Domestic Rye to minimize erosion.
3. The soldiers monument was cleaned of moss and lichen growth by scraping and wire brushing.
4. The regrading project of the old part of the cemetery was continued in the spring and fall.

Maintenance work included painting some more of the fence and the usual raking, mowing, shrub trimming and the picking up of debris left over from winter. Several hours were spent gathering up glassware, pottery, cans and wreath frames that was tossed over the back fence over the years.

There were 8 burials this year.

The power mower was sharpened and a wooden rake was purchased.

537 hours of work was necessary to maintain and improve the cemetery.

STANLEY BARTLETT
Caretaker

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Stanley Bartlett	$332.24
The Florence Trading Post	16.65
Eastern States Farmers Exchange	64.40
Omasta Brothers	7.00

C. M. Norris & Sons	10.00	
Foster-Farrar	8.68	
Zywar Brothers	8.00	
Westhampton Water Co.	3.03	
		$450.00

CEMETERY INTEREST

Stanley Bartlett	$156.42	
Westhampton Water Co.	1.97	
		$158.39

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

There was a total of 23 permits issued for the year:

6 House Permits
3 Barn Permits
4 Camp Permits
8 Additions Permits
2 Repair Permits

Estimated total $56,500.00.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD LACOMB
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

This was an exceptionally quiet year for the Fire Department. There were two minor building fires and one brush fire that could have attained disasterous proportions were it not for the prompt response of the volunteer firemen and others.

90 Open air fire permits were issued.
4 Power oil burner and 2 range oil burner permits.
3 LP gas storage permits.

Drills were held during the summer months, weather permitting. One such drill was performed to see if we had enough hose to reach the school from the nearest dependable water supply. We found we were short by several hundred feet of reaching the school with the large hose. 100 feet of additional hose was purchased to help overcome this situation. I am in hopes a hydrant will be installed near the school should the present water supply system be replaced with a larger main.

A large representation of volunteer firemen attended a very instructive meeting of lectures sponsored by the Southampton Fire Department. Speakers were the chiefs of Northampton and Easthampton and other members of these departments.

I attended several meetings in Williamsburg to which all fire chiefs of Hampshire County were invited. A Hampshire County Fire Mutual Aid System was organized. This is a system being adopted by all of the Western Massachusetts Counties to give additional fire apparatus aid to the small towns when needed. To make such a system work at top efficiency, the Hampshire County Commissioners were invited to one of these meetings. The Commissioners after hearing our plans agreed to finance the installation of a radio transmitter station and tower at Goshen that would cover the entire

County. Fire apparatus in all towns must eventually be equipped with radios to make such a system effective. Financial assistance from State Civil Defense is anticipated. I also attended Civil Defense meetings in Leeds and Belchertown as representative of our local fire service.

All fire trucks are now equipped with flashing red lights and sirens thanks to Oliver Bishop.

New members joining the department are:

Sidney Montague

Gary Hickey

As forest warden, I must bring to your attention that there has been a change in the law increasing the penalties to not more than $1,000 fine for careless destruction of woodland by fire. The town in which such a fire occurs may also recover the expense of extinguishing such a fire from the person so found guilty. This is an aftermath of the destructive forest fires of 1957.

I urge the townspeople to seriously consider the appropriation of a sum of money toward replacing our 22-year old pumper. Opportunities to purchase a second hand or a government surplus or even a new pumper have appeared from time to time but we cannot act without available funds.

STANLEY BARTLETT

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met twice during the past year. At a meeting held October 18, the committee authorized the selectmen to transfer funds to the Public Welfare and Board of Health accounts, and pay two bills from these accounts.

The matter of a town attorney was discussed and it was voted to have the chairman look into the matter further, and report at our next meeting.

It was also voted to authorize the selectmen to transfer sums not exceeding $25 from the Reserve Fund to other accounts without calling a meeting of the Finance Committee.

At a meeting held January 14, 1959, the committee studied the budgets for the year 1959.

Mrs. William Miller and Harold Wood presented and explained the school budget in detail. The Finance Committee felt the request to be reasonable and realistic and approved the budget of $44,022.25 as presented. The only item in the budget which increased noticably was tuition—an item over which the local School Committee has no direct control. The amount requested for this item is $16,340, an increase of about $3,500 over the 1958 expenditure. This one item now takes nearly one-third of the total school budget and has increased around $9,000 in the past two years.

Mr. Earl Gett presented the Selectmen's budget and explained each item. Most of the requests were routine and unchanged from 1958. Since the number and variety of unclassified bills seem to increase each year, the amount requested for the contingent fund is increased from $150 to $300.

Westhampton's bill from the Hampshire County Retirement System for 1959 is $649.29 as against $118.26 for 1958. The Finance Committee felt the Selectmen should try to get an explanation of the increase from the County officials before town meeting.

The Recreation Committee item was cut from $100.00 to $50.00 since the committee did not use the full amount in 1958.

The item for travel expense which has been in the budget for several years is replaced with an item for Town Officers Expense Account—$200. This is to pay town officers for gas, meals, etc., when on official business. The Finance Committee felt the request was long overdue and approved it.

Another new item this year is Legal Counsel—$200. One never knows when the town will need legal advice or help for either large or small matters and it seems wise to have an attorney we can call on if necessary.

You will also see an item for Dump Rental—$200. This is to renew our right to use the Easthampton Dump for another year. The Finance Committee suggested that the Selectmen try to make arrangements to rent the dump for two or three years at a time, thinking we might get a better rate and preclude the possibility of a yearly increase.

Other matters discussed included, the Stabilization Fund, the need to rebuild South Road (Route 66 to the Center) and North Road through the center, the need for more parking space at the center, the advisability of purchasing a second town truck and hiring another full time man, the comparative cost of plowing snow with town equipment and private equipment, and the need of a new bridge at Pine Island Lake. The Finance Committee took no action on these matters but feel they are important and should be given serious thought by townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,
EARL GETT, Chairman
RICHARD H. TRACY, Secretary
FRANK B. MONTAGUE
GILBERT FLINT
RALPH BRIDGMAN
JAMES HICKEY
HAROLD LACOMBE
FRED BURR
DONALD LYMAN
PHILIP CLAPP
Finance Committee

ARTICLES OF THE TOWN WARRANT

TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1959

Ten A. M. — Prompt

Article 1. To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

Article 2. To elect by ballot necessary officers to serve the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectmen.

Article 4. To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, which requires that salaries of elected officers be fixed by vote of the Town.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1959, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $1,000.00 to cover the 1959 note on the Town Hall and $120.00 for the interest on the same.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote one week vacation with pay (forty-eight hours) to permanent employees.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $100.00 for Insect Pest Control.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $177.31 for Dutch Elm Disease.

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